

expansion

ratio in the range of between 5 and 100 times wherein snapping grooves are formed at set positions on one or either side of said panel, dividing it into a plural number of unit blocks, and in a case where said grooves are formed on one side of said panel, the depth of said grooves is set to be in the range of between 10 and 70 % of the thickness of said panel, and in a case where said grooves are formed the sum of the depths of a pair of said grooves reciprocally at corresponding positions on either side of said panel, is set to be in the range of between 10 and 70 % of the thickness of said panel.

2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) A masking member in accordance with claim 1, wherein the width of each groove is in the range of between 1 and 5mm.
4. (currently amended) A masking member in accordance with claim 1, wherein an adhesive layer is formed on one side of said panel.
5. (currently amended) A making member in accordance with claim 1, wherein inserting parts are formed on one side of said panel.
6. (currently amended) A masking member in accordance with claim 5, wherein knobs are further formed on the opposite side of said panel.
7. (currently amended) A masking member in accordance with claim 5 or 6, wherein a rib is formed around each inserting part of said panel.
8. (new) A masking member in accordance with claim 6, wherein a rib is formed around each inserting part of said panel.